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COUNCILMEMBER JENNIFER CAMPBELL VOTES TO APPROVE THE UNSAFE ENCAMPMENT ORDINANCE

San Diego – Last night the City Council passed an ordinance to address the impacts of illegal encampments on public property. This is a win-win ordinance because our unsheltered neighbors camping on unsafe sidewalks and in unhealthy conditions will be able to live in clean and safe sleeping camping areas with 24-hour security, meals, showers, restrooms, and social services; all while being helped to find permanent housing. Meanwhile, families walking through neighborhoods will no longer have to navigate through items blocking sidewalks and health hazards, such as human waste. Councilmember Jennifer Campbell, who represents District 2, has issued the following statement:

"I want to thank Mayor Todd Gloria and Councilmember Stephen Whitburn for bringing forth this ordinance to help our unsheltered population receive assistance, as we expand our City's efforts to ensure that as many unsheltered people as possible can move into permanent housing. Lastly, I will continue advocating for increased sheltered space, affordable housing, and fully staffing our mental health care providers and public safety responders to ensure successful implementation of this ordinance."

Councilmember Jennifer Campbell represents District 2 communities, which include Clairemont, Mission Beach, Mission Bay Park, Old Town, Midway, Ocean Beach, and Point Loma.